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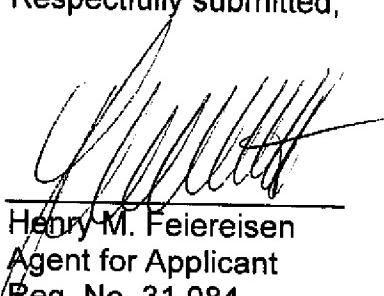
With regard to the requirement for election which is the only point raised in the Official Action, Applicant hereby provisionally elects the species I (Figs. 1-2) as covered by claims 1-3. It is noted that applicant has amended claims 1-3 to present claims in proper form and language and to encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention. Applicant asserts that no claims have been narrowed to trigger prosecution history estoppel. Claim 7 has been canceled. Claims 4-6, which constitute the other species have also been canceled, have now been considered in a divisional application that has been filed today.

Applicant's election is made without traverse.

It is noted that each named inventor of the subject matter of the instant application contributed at least to one of the claims, presently on file.

Since applicant has fully and completely responded to the Official Action and has made the required election, this application is now in order for early action at least on the merits of claims 1-3.

Respectfully submitted,

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